

"Ardoyne",  
Corinda,  
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Dear Mother,

I am very sorry for leaving it all to the Wardens to tell you about me but I thought I'd wait & see exactly what would happen.

There is really nothing so very serious if I look after myself & carry out medical instructions. The tubercular germs are just beginning to get active after being quiet for so long. Of course, if Dr. Reye had not thought of X-raying me, we would not have known, & things might have been far worse.

Colonel Butler tells me that a few weeks here at "Ardoyne" to get a bit of strength, 6 months Stanthorpe, & 6 months rest after that (probably home with you) will see me absolutely cured. But I must do no study or anything of that nature, because I would be getting rid of a certain amount of nervous energy by so doing.



It was stiff luck having to miss my finals, but I am glad in a way. My work this year has been rather unsatisfactory. I tried to do too many other things, & knocked myself up. My meals were very irregular, sometimes one a day, & so I went on. Didn't look after myself.

However, I am feeling pretty right at present, & hope to be out of bed in a few days. Was running a temperature while I was at Rosemount, but it has been pretty normal the last day or so, and they shifted me out here, a few miles from Brisbane.

There is no need for any of you to come down, Mum, because I am over the worst part of my illness, and have only to look after my lungs for the next 12 months. That merely means living a clean life (which has struck me), eating like a horse to get fat, & everything will be O.K. If I get really bad, they'll let you know at once; but according to Dr Butler, my case is a



very optimistic one. I'm looking forward to Stanthorpe &c, & intend giving myself absolutely into the doctors' hands. They know best.

Please give my love to all at home including the Scotts. I hope you had a good shearing &c. My love to big & Jim, & Eunice.

I heard some of them talking about leave & it appears we get 10 days every 3 months.

I shall let you know if I might happen to want to float a loan (& by the way, I owe you some now), but everything is a bit undecided as yet. If I can draw my scholarship allowance for this term, and the remainder of my year's loan from Report. I'll not be asking you for much assistance. But if I crash there, I'll have to put the "heavies" over.

You have been good to me always Mums, and I don't know how I will ever repay all that you have done with the rest of the family for me.

My very best love to you & all at home

Jack.